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EDITORIAL.

In the December issue (Vol. xii, p. 254) the figure labelled to represent *Caddo glaucopsis* should be transferred to *C. boopis*, as Mr. Crosby has informed us.

Contributors to the Journal will please take notice that they can have separates of their articles printed in any number and in any form at cost, by notifying the editor sufficiently in advance. The publication committee has found it necessary to discontinue the sending out of reprints free of other matter, as was done with volume xii. Authors who do not notify otherwise, "shall be entitled to 25 copies" and will usually receive 50, without change of form, which means that there will generally be some foreign matter at the ends.

The scope of P. Wytsman's "Genera Insectorum" is, in the portion on Lepidoptera, much the same as Hampson's "Catalogue Lepidoptera Phalaenae," but the treatment of species is far less complete and satisfactory. It includes the butterflies, as Hampson does not. If the subject were to be pushed energetically, it would result in a practical duplication of Hampson's work, which we think would be a waste of effort. An advantage would accrue to the student if the families to be first treated were those which Hampson will reach last, and at the present rate of publication, not reach for many years, namely, the Tineoid groups. However, there has been no evidence till lately of any intention to push the subject energetically. We have had before us some small fascicles in which several authors have treated of sundry of the smallest groups they could find: the Liby-

theidae by Pagenstecher, the Epicopiidae by Janet and Wytzman, the species or varieties of *Leptocircus* by Wytzman and the *Ornithoptera* by Rippon. These papers are too short to require serious comment, except that we would blame the editor for allowing such a characterization of a synoptic table as that of the *Ornithoptera* genera to get into print. Mr. Rippon has evidently not the faintest idea of how a table ought to be constructed, and, until he will take lessons in the rudiments of entomological carpentry, his large knowledge of and great interest in the most beautiful of all the butterflies will be prejudiced in the eyes of his fellow workers.

Finally we come to the first serious publication, the Hesperiidæ, by P. Mabille, covering 210 pages. The treatment seems both thoroughly advanced and conservative, although badly hampered in places by lack of material. For example, some of the American genera of the subfamily Pamphilinæ, section B, are given in a separate synoptic table, as the author had not the material to properly correlate them with the rest. The index is given in an excellent form but is incomprehensibly divided in two parts and it has a number of omissions. The treatment of the North American species is disappointing. Seventy-five out of our nominal two hundred species are entirely omitted. We are at a loss to imagine any adequate reason for this, as the author includes several lists of "species incertæ sedis" and we should look for our missing species there if the author had been unable to recognize them. It looks like a failure to properly study the literature. We hope to be able to return to this subject and assign these seventy-five species to their proper genera. We are sorry to note some inconsistencies in the synoptic tables. For example, in the table on pages 14 to 18, we find (under 7) "Pas de pli costal," which leads us finally to 27 where we read: "un pli costal chez le ♂." . . . Genus *Coccius* G. & S." How is one to use this table? If *Coccius* has a costal fold, it should come in the section with a costal fold, where it would apparently fall next to *Plestia* Mab. Again under 33 is the second alternative "Pas de pinceau semblable" (*i. e.*, Pas de pinceau de poils couchés sur de dessus ou le dessous des ailes inferieures), which leads us to 40, where is "Un pinceau de poils couchés dans le pli abdominal . . . Genus *Pyrrhopygopsis* G. & S." The genus *Orneates* G. & S. is in the table twice, while *Murgaria* Wats., *Euschemon* MacL., *Mionectes* Mab. and *Marela* Mab. are entirely omitted therefrom.